A CHANGE IN NOVELS

The Works of Fiction Not Written Like They Used to Be.

HOW TITLES ARE MUTILATED.

Some Illustrations of the Odd Mixture of Names-A Descon's Story of How a Shrewd Serpent Crushed

Noveme out like they used to be. You don't get your money's worth when you read them now, nor do you know any more when you finish them than you do when you commence. In the days of my sentimental and impecunious youth, when poring over literature I sat in my back yard under the sighing clothes-line, the heroes and heroines all rushed to each other's arms on the last page and forthwith proceeded to live happily ever afterwards. Percential bables and domestic concord followed, and you hade your fictitious friends good-by with feelings of actual sadness. But it's all different now, and in working your way to the grand finale you have to wade through dead men and broken hearts as if you were sauntering through a dissectingroom. No decent, self-respecting chara book alive now-leastwise, if they come out alive they're maimed for with blindness, or deafness, or leprosy, or something horrible, I could stand the glaughter of innocents if the fin de slecie author would plot instead of snapping it off at an unexpected moment, just about the time everything and everybody has gotten mixed up, and you're ablaze with excite ment. They say this trick leaves the imagination to fill out the story. If that be so, why rend the book at all? Why be so, why read the book at all? Why not set yourself down, without paying a dollar for the volume, and knasme a little romance all by yourself? Why peruse a line if the writer but touches the imaginative button on your brain and leaves your ingenuity to do the rest. Suppose you went into a restaurant and ordered a dinner, and the man brought you a plate and pepper and salt. Suppose, after he had arranged these articles most templingly before you, he make "Now imagine you've got the rest." You would kill him-yes, kill him-as quickly as the modern author does his hero.

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That's the sort of continued-in-our-next stuff we get nowaday. The lovers, after finding every pathway of life strews finding every pathway of life strewn with figurative carpet-incks, meet finally at their old trysting place. You begin to get excited, "Now he's going to peck her on her fair face," you bawl out, "Now her big seeves are going to get rumpled," you yell exuitantly, "Now, oh now, is the time for all third parties to scoot," you shriek sympathetically. "Now he'll fix it," you say triumphantly. But he doesn't do any such darned thing. Here's how the author would write it. "Their eyes met squarely and she gave a little shudder, A sephyr caused a trembling in the lengy world. And he left her in the twilight." The END.

Yes, by Jove, that's the way it ends. That's all you get for reading 169 pages—the simple fact that he left her in the

That's all you get for reading 500 pages— the simple fact that he left her in the twilight. "He never touched her." Con-found him. After having the brain-fever and wandering all over the globe, and coming home, sad, and bronzed, he meets her—and leaves her in the twi-light. That's what you get for your money. That's what you get for reading 500 pages—the simple arroguegement that 500 pages—the simple announcement that he gave her the shake in the glouming 'Most any old man could leave a girl in the twilight. There len't anything so grand and noble in that People do it every day. But then a trick like that affords such magnificent scope for the

Speaking about literature reminds me an article recently published by the outh's Companion, which tells of the mny ways in which the titles of books are sometimes mutilated. That most despicable fiction, "The Heavenly Twins," is often mentioned to book-sellers as "The Twin Angels," "The Heavenly Prodigals," "The Blue Angels," or "The Heavenly Angels,"

Heavenly Angels."

One man actually asked for "The Travelling Hebrew" when he went to the book-store. When teld he meant "The Wandering Jew," he chuckled, and said:

A lady, who evidently had cog-wheels in her head, wanted to buy "Two Bonts Which Went By in the Durk." She wasn't the least ruffled when hunded "Ships that Pars in the Night."

The article, in this connection, adds:

"One of the most common bulls in a book-store is that which people make when they ask for a vest-pocket edition of Webster's Unabridged," or 'the Bible, with both the Old and New Testament

with both the Ost and New Testament in it."

"Not long ago a young man came in and saked for that 'horse-book.' We named over a lot of treatises on horses, but he said: 'It wasn't them.'

"We were then compelled to confess our ignorance, when he explained: 'Well, my bess didn't exactly tell me it was a horse-book, but he said to ask for "The Horse With Seven Stables."

"We gave him 'The House of the Seven Gables,' with the privilege of returning it if it was not the right one. The book never came back."

Another instance recalled to my own mind is where some duffer asked for "Darwin's Indecent Man." He meant "Darwin's Descent of Man." In view of the theories of the great naturalist, there was perhaps a touch of satire in the mistake.

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It has always been a marvel to me how the story for which Ananias was smitten down had no connection with snakes, for of all the objects calculated to excite mendacity (barring fish) the serpent is the most attractive. I have known men to lie about snakes when they would have told the truth about everything else on earth—when they would even have told their wives the extent of their incomes. The latest story reaching my ears savors of veracity—thank Heaven for that—and I cherish it with fond affection. It comes from one who hands around the barket in church. He says that a certain black snake had a habit of stealing eggs from hen-nests and that as it swallowed them whole it had to resort to some expedient for breaking them within itself. The serpent in question was not to be outdone, however, and so hit upon the expedient of crawling through a small hole whenever it swallowed a sample of the hen-fruit. Before the egg could get through thindies, it was, of course, crushed, and thus the make was afforded the means of enjoying it. This arrangement would have worked admirably until the end of the serpent's natural existence if it had not on a certain occasion absent-mindedly swallowed a china egg which had been piaced in a nest as an incentive to ly swallowed a china egg which had been pinced in a nest as an incentive to non-productive pullets. When the ser-pent resorted to the hole to break this

the guest of Miss Janie Cameron, near this place. Mr. Samuel J. Graham, of Pittsburg, is

Mr. Samuel J. Graham, of Pittsburg, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Harry E. Biscoe, of the pay de-partment of the United States navy, was here this week on a flying trip. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Insti-tute, class of 1894, and was one of the guards on the foot-ball team at that school for several years.

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Judge Beverly R. Wellford, of Richmond, sitting as Circuit Judge here, rendered a judgment against Charles M. Figgatt, the absconding cashier of the Bank of Lexington, in favor of the Bank of Lexington, in favor of the Bank of Lexington, for 160,000, and untered a decree which directed the turning-over of all his property, real and personal, to Judge J. K. Edmondson, receiver, and he further directed that it should be sold and applied to the pank, which will be done as expeditiously as practicable. This was mide possible by the compromises of Judge Edmondson, as assignée of the defunct Bank of Lexington, with Figgatt's sureties, for whose benefit he had deeded his property to a trustee. Judge Edmondson, assignée, paid another 10 per cent. dividend this week, making 10 per cent. of the deposits paid off in less than right months from the time the bank closed its doors. The amount paid to the depositors is over \$106,000, and at the time of the assignment of the bank it and less than \$6,000 in cash on hand. The prompt and efficient work of the assignee draws forth the admiration of those familiar with such settlements viscowhere, besides being a great satisfaction to the depositors, especially those who expected to lose all. especially those who expected to

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The Rockbridge County Democratic Committee will meet at the office of O. D. Letcher, the chairman, at Lexington, on court-day, October the 7th, for the purpose of organization and outlining the work for the coming campaign. The Republicans have made no nominations, but it is generally supposed that they will have candidates in the field just for show, if nothing more, for they have no hopes

of winning.

Mr. Charles Ded is an independent candidate for the House of Delegates on the following platform: Sound currency; low taxes; high license; reform of election-laws; no convention, but separate constitutional amendments. Mr. Dod is a Democrat, and he hopes to be elected by seconing the farmer vote.

scooping the farmer vote. The first hop of the session was given last evening at McCennis Hall, by the students of the Washington and Lee Puiversity. The couples were: Miss Eliza King George and Stafford in the Legis-

WARRENTON SOCIETY.

A Successful Entertainment-Engagement Announced-Personal. WARRENTON, VA., September 28 .-

(Special.)-A successful entertainment was given at the Town Hall last evening for the benefit of the Episcopal church. The little operatia of "Bobby Shafto" was presented by three charming little children—Misses Saille Marshall and Jennie delle his private interests to continue in the service of his people. Only once be-Forbes and Master Lee Hardy, of Norfolk. After the curtain fell on this pretty scene the pantomime of "Cinderella" was given, in which the stately minuet was danced by sixteen of the best dancers in Warrenton. Those who took part in it were Misses Rosalie Scott, Marion Payne. Janet Johnson, Bertle Turner, Lou Spil-man, Nannie Spilman, Ada Mosby, who was Cinderella, and Mrs. Thomas Smith. Their partners were Dr. John Hicks, Messrs, Jack Barnard, James Johnson, E. Lovell, Johns, George Tongue, E. R. W. Barker, Fairfax Gaines, and Mr.

Miss Charlotte Nelson played the minust from Don Giovanni, and other sultable selections with great skill, Mrs. W. T. Brooke, of Norfolk, sang Millard's "Waiting," and Miss Mary Hicks sang Tosti's "Could 1?" Eath songs were

Charles Semmes, who took the part of

enthusiastically encored.

The house was full, and Misses Lou Spilman and Agnie Day, who were the principal movers in getting it up, were much gratified by the pecuniary results.

ammer here, returned Thursday night to Alexandria, to the regret of her many admirers here.

Mr. Raphael Payne has gone to Atlanta as correspondent of several papers during the exposition.

RELIGION IN THE FAMILY.

Never Too Early to Approach Children with Religious Suggestion.

It is a remarkable thing in regard to little people that it is almost never too early to approach them with religious suggestion, writes Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in the October Ladies' Home Journal. It is not what we say to them that makes them religious; it is the relicious instinct already in them that makes intelligible to them whatever of a religious kind we say to them. The best that a child can become in this, as in every other respect, accrues from wisely hendling and fostering some impulse already contained in the child's original dowry. If the beginnings of individual religion were not an implant, no method of treatment, no ingenuity of culture could suffice to establish such a beginning. Religion can be immanent in the child, and even be a part of his experience, without his being able to know it as religion, or being able to know it as religion, or being able to comprehend the allurions made to it by his elders. • • It holds in the twilight of life what is true in each dawning, that it begins to be morning a good while before there is sunshing enough in the air for the sun-dial to be able to tell us what o'clock it is. • • The infant's eyes are full of light, waiting to be greeted by the light of the sun so soon as its lids are lifted. The heart of the child is turned to the things of God, and its strings are ready to become musical so soon as they are touched by a hand that ligious instinct already in them that

is turned to the things of God, and its strings are ready to become musical so soon as they are touched by a hand that knows how to stir them into resonance. It is a good while before the child and the earth come very close to one another, but, on the contrary, "Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

Preserve the "Eternal Feminine." (Robert Grant in Scribner's.)

pent resorted to the hole to break this egg the china refused to crush, and great internal dissension prevailed. While in this embarrassing situation the snake was captured, and, according to my doctrines promulgated above, must have "lived happily ever afterwards."

LEXINGTON LOCALS.

Personni Points—The Defunet Bank.

First Hop.

LEXINGTON, VA., September 28.—(Special.)—Professors Brown Ayers and Douglas Anderson, of Tulane University, are here, visiting relatives.

Mr. Joseph Gillock, of Richmond, is yielding friends here.

Mr. Greenlee D. Letcher is at Atlanta, attending the expositions.

Miss Nellie Birdsong, of Richmond, is was no danger of anything of the kind, and they would become gentle as doves.

VERY SATISFACTORY.

Senatorial Nomination of the Warsaw Convention.

NOMINEE'S SERVICES.

Interesting Account of How a Home Was Paid For-Other North-

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., September 28 .- The work of the sena torial convention at Warsaw last week has been highly complimented, and gene rally approved, and the nomination of Hon. John E. Mason, of this county, as the Democratic candidate for the State Senate gives entire satisfaction throughout the Thirty-sixth district. It is now in this correspondence many week agolong before he became a candidate for the available man in the district, all things considered, and that the nomination is a very judicious one. Mr. Mason is young, able, energetic, popular, and a successful campaigner, and will open his campaign about the first week in October, to make a thorough canvass of every county in the Northern Neck.

been one continuation of success. He graduated from the Columbian College in 1878, having received his B. L. in one 1879 he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for this county, and, serving in that capacity with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people, he was twice re-elected, and held the office of Prose-cuting Attorney twelve years. While serv-Inversity. The couples were: Miss Elization, with A. B. La Far; Miss Lucyton, with D. C. McBryde; Miss I Harvey, with C. C. Tutwiler: the Hopkins, with Captain Wals with H. W. Garrord; Miss Luluw, with H. W. Garrord; Miss Elization, with E. A. O'Neal; Miss Carbel, with W. A. Holt; Miss Urquhart, with R. A. Baker, Mrs. Dillon chaperoned the dance.

King George and Stafford in the Legislature, being the first Democratic member of the House from these counties in many years, and the only Democrat who could be elected here, he was re-elected in 1881, and again in 1830-serving three terms in the House of Delegates, as well as three terms as State's Attorney in his county. His name was associated with every important measure in the Virginia Legislature from 1839 to the adjournment of the last session, and his with every important measure in the Virginia Legislature from 1889 to the adjournment of the last session, and his
whole record proved him the friend of
the farmer, the laborer, the fisherman—always on the side of right and standing
by the interests of his constituency.
Finishing his work as a member of the
House, he came home with the hope and
purpose of retiring from politics and devoting his whole time to the practice of
law, ald the high honer conferred upon aside his private interests to continue in
the service of his people. Only once before in the past hundred years has a King
Georgean been nominated for the State
Senate. That time the honor fell upon
Hon. Charles Mason, father of John E.
Mason, who was elected about 1856, and
served with distinguished ability.

John E. Mason's position on the cyster
question and other measures which had
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to be dealt with by the Legislature, won for him the admiration and friendship of that army of oystermen and inhermen along the Fotomac, Rappahannock, and the Chesapeake bay, and that important class of voters are now among the most enthusiastic over his nomination, and will work together as one man to make his enthusiastic over his nomination, and will work together as one man to make his "calling and election sure." His memorable speech in the House of Delegates during the session of 1891-'22, in advocacy of an appropriation for the erection of a monument on Libby Hill to the private Confederate dead, also wen for him the admiration of all surviving Confederate veterans and the sons of Confederate veterans, and this class of voters, almost to a man, are loud in their approval of his nomination.

his nomination. BITTEN BY A SNAKE.

much gratified by the pecuniary results.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Day to Mr. E. Beverley Slater, of Baltimore, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nelson, of Clarke, returned to their bome, "Long Branch." yesterday, after a month in Warrenton, taking with them Miss Charlotte Nelson, while make them a visit of some weeks.

Miss Sallle Young, who has been visiting at Weston, returned to her home, in Isle of Wight, yesterday.

Mrs. Buckner Randolph, of Henrico county, with her two charming daughters, Misses Blertha and Sallie Randolph, returns to her home, near Richmond, today.

Miss Ellen Herbert, who has spent the summer here, returned Thursday night to Alexandria, to the regret of her many admirers here.

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BITTEN BY A SNAKE.

Mrs. James H. Peyton, quite an aged lady near this pince, was bitten by a snake one might this pince. She went to the well in the yard just before beddime, and the sanke colled around her ankle, but supposing it to be a kitten playing about her feet, she carelessly pushedded its fangs in her wrist. Dr. Minor was called in to treat the old lady, and it is hoped that she will recover.

Mr. Charles G. Alexander, who died at the Lee Camp Soldiers' Home last week, and has been a great sufferer since. She went to the well in the yard just before beddime, and the yard just

HOW HE PAID FOR IT.

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A citizen of Stafford county gives an interesting account of how he was enabled to pay for the cozy home which shelters himself and family in his old days. In 1853 a Yankee soldler gave him a little colt three or four days old. The Staffordian removed the infant quadruped from the camp to his residence, and fed it by means of a bottle until it was large enough to cat. At the expiration of some seven or cight years from that time the "camp colt" had raised three the offsprings, which sold for \$50 each, aggregating \$150. The Yankee colt was, of course, put to work at three years old, and kept constantly to the cart, handing to and from Fredericksburg, &c. and the owner realized a snug sum of money for handing, which, added to the \$150 realized from the sale of the three colts, amounted to a sufficient sum to pay for the Staffordian's home. The clever old gentleman, now prosperous and comfortably quartered, hesitates not to tell how he got the first money towards buying his home, and he naturally blesses the day when that little colt made its appearance in the Yankee camp, and when he fell heir to it, because it was too young and tender for war and long, tedious marches. A detailed account of this little affair is intensely interesting, and the fact itself—only the substance of which can be given here—teaches a lesson that might be remembered with profit by which can be given here—teaches a lesson that might be remembered with profit by many a young man who must start in life with small resources and meagre advan-

tages.
A revival meeting is in progress at Stafford Store, in Stafford county, Rev. A.
T. Lynn is being assisted by Rev. Mr.
Cummings. Considerable interest has been manifest from the second day.

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